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We take our week's holiday next week, so do not complain if you do not get a paper on New Year's day. The year of 1914 passes into the memories of the past. In many respects it has been an eventful year. We are at peace, yet the victims of war. While battle's carnage is not on our soil, we feel the pulsating throbs of war; the result of the mutual interests of business among the nations of the earth. We have many things to be thankful for, and should see the beauties of the peaceful mission of our Savior, whose birth we celebrate in a more forceful manner than ever before. We must realize that if peace on earth and good will toward men ruled human hearts, war and bloodshed would be no more. To our readers we wish a merry Christmas and happy New Year, based on the principles taught by the Savior we all ought to obey.

The case of Leo Frank at Atlanta, Ga., for the murder of the Phagan girl, who has been convicted by a jury and taken to supreme court of the state and also to the supreme court of the United States on a bare technicality, has become famous. He is now condemned to hang Jan. 22. It is the universal opinion of those who carefully followed the evidence in the jury trial, that his guilt was not established. He is an educated and polished Jew. Somehow his very pleasant manners and politeness to all went against him when a Georgia jury sat on the case. The populace outside the court room clamored for his conviction. Lynch law was boldly proclaimed if he were acquitted. It is now up to the governor to save his life. His execution will go far to build sentiment against capital punishment. It is an awful thing to take an innocent life under the operations of law and justice.

The Next Cotton Crop

It has been stated so often lately by everyone who opens his mouth that the cotton crop must be reduced in 1915, that it has become an old subject. The business men say that the promise by the farmer that he will cut his acreage will as in the past not be carried out. There is but one way to force the lessened crop, and that is for the merchant, banker and landlord furnishing supplies to do so only on condition of a 50 per cent cut in acreage. This will compel men to do what is for their good. The second and more sensible plan is for every individual farmer to raise something that pays better than cotton. Every man knows cotton is not a crop that farmers can live out of, for less than ten cents a pound. This crop is not averaging more than 5 to 6 cents. One half or more is being held by the farmer. Enough is being sold to meet the demands of the mills. The cotton is now in bales sufficient for next year's demand. What will be done with next crop. The speculator and spinner know the cotton is on hand, and of course they will not allow the price to advance. Every pound raised in 1915 can be figured on a basis of 5 or 6 cents. Can you possibly raise it for that, even by going naked and hungry? Then why not raise corn, oats, hogs, and both kinds of potatoes. All these crops have a big cash value. Anything for man or animal to eat is called for. The world must be fed. They must also be clothed, but that can be largely curtailed, but eating cannot.

If all the world were in the war there would be but little killing. One half is in battle array now, and have been for five months, and there has not been a single battle equal to any fifty in our civil war. Of course millions have been killed and millions taken prisoners if the reports are true; but all reports are so exaggerated that they are practically all lies.

The U. S. Supreme Court has declined to grant Harry Thaw relief on his habeas corpus case. He will be returned to New York, unless his attorneys can catch on to some other legal device.

It will be no surprise to hear any day of the German fleet breaking out on the high seas. Of course there will be the naval battle of the world, but some of them will get away to prey on commerce.

Fearfully Snowed Under

The snow was fierce and abundant Tuesday, but it was not a circumstance compared with the avalanche that snowed the stock law under. The vote as reported by telephone was about 1725 against to 650 in favor of the No fence or stock law. The people have said and now it is up to the rail making.

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Shanghai, China, Nov. 8, 1914.
Editor Independent,
Selmer, Tenn.

Dear Sir:
Perhaps you will permit a letter from the far West to be printed in your valuable paper.

I left San Francisco on April 6th, last, and arrived in Honolulu, H. I., seven days later. After two days' sight seeing in the city of Honolulu and the beautiful surrounding country, we set sail for Manila, P. I. We were at sea twenty days between Honolulu and Manila, and we were glad to put our feet on land one more time.

After about two weeks stay on the Philippines I was transferred to the U. S. S. C. and left the same day for Shanghai, China. We arrived here after five days of a very rough sea. I was sent to the U. S. S. Saratoga about May 20 and on June 2 we started on a cruise up the Yangtze river. The first day we could not see very much of the country as the mouth of the river was about 30 miles wide, but the second day of the trip the river was very narrow, something like a half mile, and we could see the valley on both sides. We arrived at Nanking on the third day and most of us visited the mausoleums and the battlefield where the great battle of Nanking was fought in 1912. From Nanking we went to Chinkiang; from there to Hancow, where we stayed several days.

We left Hancow on June 20, and arrived back at the mouth of the Yangtze about eight days later. On the 29th we got underway for Chefoo; arrived there July 3 and celebrated the glorious Fourth seeing sights in North China. We stayed at that place from July 3 to August 8, and then came back to Shanghai. Remained at Shanghai until October 12, and then we went north again, passing the war zone of Tsingtau at China-War. Then a part of us went by rail to Peking, where we visited many noted places, such as the great wall of China, Muegtombs, etc.

From China-War then we visited Korea, Vladivostok, Liberia; Kobe, Nagasaki, Japan, and then back to Shanghai.

We expect to leave again in a few days for Manila.

The Saratoga is the largest man-of-war in the Asiatic Fleet. She is the flagship of Admiral Cawels, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station; has a crew of 400 men and 16 officers. The sailors seem to be very much interested in the war news, and many of them make the remark that they would like to get a taste of the real stuff, too. Every ambitious sailor hates the Japs and would be glad to go to war with Japan, but let us hope that U. S. A. keep her peace. This is her opportunity and she should take advantage of it.

WILLIE D. LAWSON,
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Rape as a Forage Crop in the Cotton Belt

By C. V. PIPER, Astrologist in charge of Forage-Crop Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry.

Rape is a succulent, nutritious plant, closely related to kale, collards, and cabbage, and requires essentially the same conditions of culture as these crops. The plants grow to a height of 1 1/2 to 4 feet, depending on conditions of soil and climate. The best forage varieties do not bloom the same season they are planted. It is the most important plant of the cabbage family to use as feed for hogs, sheep, cows, and chickens, and for this purpose should be much more commonly grown. Practically only one variety is grown in the United States, namely, the Dwarf Essex. The seed is quite cheap, usually retailing at about 10 cents per pound.

Rape is a cool-season crop, and in the South should, therefore, be planted in the fall or in the very early spring. The crop is not injured by ordinary winters in the South, but of course the growth is slow in cold weather. In the fall it is best seeded from August 15 to October 15. Later seeding is scarcely advisable, except near the Gulf coast and in Florida, where it may be sown up to December 15. In the spring it should be seeded just as early as danger of frosts is past; that is, at about the same date spring oats are sown. The earlier seedings nearly always give largest yields, as growth is checked when very warm weather occurs. In summer the plant becomes much less palatable. Fall seeding is best, but early spring sowing is often successful. Spring seeding is never advisable in Florida or near the Gulf coast.

Rape succeeds best in rich loam soils, but profitable crops are grown on sandy and on clayey soils. An abundant moisture supply is necessary to produce large yields. Good preparation of seed bed is advisable. Barnyard manure is the best fertilizer. In the absence of this, 400 to 600 pounds per acre of a complete commercial fertilizer may be used.

When rape is planted in wide rows it should be given three or four cultivations during its early growth. After cutting the first crop a second growth is often obtained, especially if the stubble is cultivated.

Rape may be sown in cultivated rows, in narrow drill rows, or broadcasted. If planted in rows, these should ordinarily be 24 to 30 inches apart. In rows 28 inches wide, which is the best average width, 2 pounds of seed per acre are sufficient.

If drilled with a grain drill 4 pounds

of seed per acre are required. When broadcasted 5 or 6 pounds per acre should be used.

Rape may be successfully grown with certain other crops. Thus, it may be sown in early spring on oats, wheat, or rye, and usually a good stand is secured after the grain crop is cut. It may also be sown mixed with clover, to be used as pasture, or between the rows in some winterkilled crop for late fall pasture.

The best depth to sow the seed is about one-half inch. Rape is most commonly used as a pasture crop for hogs or sheep. Cattle eat it readily, but destroy considerable by trampling, especially where the rape is broadcasted. In broad rows the injury by trampling is less, as animals usually walk between the rows. Many animals do not like rape at first, but must acquire a taste for it before they will eat it readily. Salt should be supplied liberally, as this will tend to prevent the purging which rape often produces.

In pasturing cattle on rape care must be taken to prevent bloating. They should not be turned into a rape patch when it is wet with dew or rain or when the cattle are very hungry. If a supply of hay or straw is kept convenient, cattle will instinctively turn to this when they begin to bloat. Where animals can pass readily from rape pasture to grass pasture, cases of bloating are very infrequent. On the whole, it is best to avoid danger and not pasture cattle on pure rape. There is no danger of bloating with hogs.

Rape may also be cut and stall fed. If fed to dairy cows, it should be just after milking, as otherwise it may taint the milk.

Rape is also an excellent feed for all kinds of poultry.

Rape is quite as good for human food as kale or collards, and may be prepared in the same manner. It is often grown for human food under the name of smooth or spring kale.

Rape varies greatly in yield, according to the soil. Yields of 30 tons per acre, green weight, are not rare. Ten to 15 tons is a good yield, and smaller returns are profitable.

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No. 9 in McNairy County, Tenn.
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You are hereby notified that a Petition is pending in the above cause in the County Court of McNairy County, Tenn., asking for the creation of a Drainage District on Cypress Creek from a point about 1 1/2 miles North of Bethel Springs to a point just South of Selmer, in said County, touching lands in which each of you has an interest, and the cause has been set for hearing before the County Court of McNairy County, at the Court House in Selmer, Tenn., on January 9, 1914, at noon, at which time and place you may be heard and if you have, or desire to make, any claims for damages in this behalf you are required to file the same with the Clerk of said Court at least three days before said date set for hearing. By order of the Court.
Dec. 12, 1914.
NOAH PRINCE, Clerk.

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